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In re application of:

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For: DIE FOR A TOOL SET FOR
MECHANICAL JOINING

Customer No.: 20350

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Examiner: LE, HUNG CHARLIE

Technology Center/Art Unit: 3663

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF
SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement mailed on June 14, 2006,
Applicants respectfully elect the species of Fig. 6 and designate claims 1-4, 7-14, and 32-44 as
reading on the designated species.

It is noted that Figs. 6 and 7 are modifications of the basic design of Figs. 1-5,
showing the different quick release mechanisms. Applicants have elected the first of the release
mechanisms and note that claims 15, 16, and 45-70 are directed at other release mechanisms.

Response to Election of Species dated July 12, 2006

Reply to Office Action of June 14, 2006

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,

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